

As Vice Chair of the House Small Business Committee, I am working hard to see that small business owners

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Small Business Administration (SBA) is an independent agency of the federal government.

The SBA provides a number of programs that provide financial assistance to creditworthy business owners.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, \$730 million was allocated to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Since these loans are not made directly by the SBA, excellent guide for <http://business.sba.gov>, which are www.sba.gov <http://www.sba.gov/pa/phil/>

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<http://www.sba.gov/>

University of Pennsylvania SBDC

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The SBA helps fund **Small Business Development Centers** across the country to provide management assistance

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Delaware County

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The **SCORE Association** is another resource partner of the SBA offering free and confidential small business advice for entrepreneurs. Their website (<http://www.score.org/>) has useful “how-to” articles, business templates, and 24/7 business advice. Additionally, you can visit one of the local SCORE chapters for face-to-face mentoring services and low-cost workshops.

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Oxford Branch Office
Peoples Bank of Oxford
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Oxford, PA 19363
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Phoenixville Branch Office
Phoenixville Area Chamber of Commerce
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Phoenixville, PA 19460
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King of Prussia Branch Office
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King of Prussia, PA. 19406
Phone: (610) 265-4805

Wayne Branch Office
Main Line Chamber of Commerce
175 Strafford Ave, Suite 130
Wayne, PA 19087
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It is important to reiterate that there are not Federal grant opportunities specifically for business start-ups, expansions, diversifications, or to fund operating expenses. Grant opportunities do, however, exist in other areas of the federal sector. To find and apply for grant opportunities you

might be eligible, you can visit grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>) which is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. This site can be difficult to navigate which is why my staff has compiled

[*The Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Federal and State Grant and Resource Directory*](#)

. This Directory, which is searchable by keyword, offers a vast number of federal, state, and private grants and how to apply for them. I recommend looking through it for possible funding sources.

At the state level, the goal of the **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development** (DCED) is to foster opportunities for businesses. As such, they offer business assistance to help organizations fund their projects or start a business, find a location, expand their business, or stay in Pennsylvania. The website of DCED (<http://www.newpa.com>) is a resource for business assistance in Pennsylvania. They list the programs available for funding and support to businesses in Pennsylvania. The DCED offers the Web Submission of the Single Application for Assistance. Through one form, you can apply for financial assistance from the Department's various funding sources. You can contact the Small Business Resource Center at (800) 280-3801.

Another resource offered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the **Pennsylvania Open for Business** website (<http://www.paopen4business.state.pa.us/>)

which gives entrepreneurs "one stop" access to business information. Entrepreneurs can explore financial options, download many of the important forms necessary to start and expand a business, and electronically register a business with the Pennsylvania Departments of Labor and Industry, Revenue, and State.

Innovation Philadelphia, a non-profit economic development organization that serves 11 counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware, publishes *The Greater Philadelphia Entrepreneurs' Resource Guide*

. The Guide provides businesses and entrepreneurs interested in pursuing business and professional development with information and outlets to make contacts, to secure funding and to promote their businesses and products to a wide array of consumers. You can access the Guide on Innovation Philadelphia's website (

<http://www.innovationphiladelphia.com/>

) under the "Browse our Publications" tab.

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Finally, I recommend contacting your **county's economic development organization**.

Although services vary by county, a variety of services are available by contacting your local office including: low-interest rate financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, assistance working with local municipalities and state agencies, etc. For more information on the specific services available in your area or for links to other helpful organizations, please contact your county's office.

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